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Coach Ken Carter shoots a perfect shot.
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New Faces in Student Association

By Meigan Rennels

Staff Writer

As of January 1, 2010 a new executive board took over the Student Association here at Saint Joseph's College. After the most competitive election in years, the new president for the Student Association is Junior Biology major, Lauren Vance.

Student Association is an active group of students comprised of hall governors, senators, and class presidents but every student at SJC is part of the Student Association.

Vance has made it her goal for the next calendar year of her office to encourage students to become more involved in the Student Association and its activities on campus.

Vance's took over along with running-mate Joseph Karpiak, a sophomore Biology-Chemistry major. Karpiak is excited to act as the missing link between students and faculty at Saint Joseph's College.

SA is mostly known for its role in funding clubs and organizations on campus but holds many other responsibilities as well. Most students do not realize that concerns that are voiced at the Student Association meetings are heard by the Dean of Students, heads of Residence Life and are many times carried on to the president of the college himself.

The new executive board is

making great strides towards changing Saint Joseph's College for the better.

The new executive board has many exciting ideas in store for the upcoming year including continuing the tradition of Town Hall meetings to allow students to express concerns to members of the faculty with the power to make a difference and encouraging students to become a part of SJC by playing the role of "Puma Joe"—our mascot—at events. "We do not want to make any promises until we know what we can do absolutely for sure, but there are some big ideas in the mix" says Vance.

The Student Association Secretary, junior Elementary Education major, Matthew Williams says that he ran for the secretary position to "become more of a leader within the SJC community and help out my fellow peers in any way I could."

The executive board also consists of sophomore Elementary Education major and SUB President Katie Coryell and junior English Literature major Executive Treasurer Meigan Rennels, who both continue to support the president and vice-president in their on-going efforts to improve the College.

New Student Association President and Vice President.
Photo courtesy of Sammi Jo Mitchell

By Jessica Ruschke
Staff Writer

On January 17th, students participated in a march from the Jasper County Courthouse to the Richard F. Scharf Alumni Fieldhouse and gathered to listen to Coach Carter speak as part of the Martin Luther King Day Program sponsored by the Diversity Coalition and the Multicultural Affairs Committee.

The marchers left for the courthouse around 12:30 and the actual march began at one, followed by the presentation in the gym at quarter to two. The band opened the event with "The Star Spangled Banner" and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Daniel L. Blankenship gave a welcome address. The 2011 Diversity Coalition President sophomore Sociology major Rose Nowiki also spoke about the meaning of the day.

Musical selections performed by senior Mass Communications major Cam Cullers on the saxophone, Will Orchards on the bass guitar, and Sophomore music major Kelso Daning on the drums followed, with freshman Mass Communications major Katie Dittman supplying vocals for the second song "Unthinkable (I'm Ready)" by Alicia Keys. The first song they performed was "A Change is Gonna Come" by Sam Cooke. "I felt that it [Cooke's song] contributed to the beliefs and ideas of Dr. King during the civil rights movement and the song still brings hope and faith to people today," said Cullers.

Danig felt the group's part in the program went well. "We only had a limited time to prepare, especially myself since I'm so busy every day, but Cam's great, Will's amazing, Katie can really sing and I can give them just about whatever beat they want to it all."

After announcing the winners of the annual essay contest, Isaac Ahler of St. Augustine Elementary School and Mayra Pinon from North Newton High School, Coach Carter began his talk.

Coach Carter did not allow his students on the Richmond High School basketball team to play and threatened to cancel the rest of the season when fifteen of the forty-five players did not meet the

academic standards he'd made them agree to. His actions inspired the 2005 movie "Coach Carter" starring Samuel L. Jackson. Carter is also a published author, the recipient of numerous awards, and a business owner.

On Coach Carter's website, www.coachcarter.com, he said, "I tell our kids all the time. If you get one percent better a day, within 100 days you'll be 100 percent better," a message he incorporated into his speech.

"I felt like he was a great people person, and he had a good message to send to younger adults/kids. He was an all around fun guy!" said Daning.

During the speech, Carter called some students down to interact with him. He asked senior Business Administration major Rod Gray and senior Sports Management major Ronnell Tibbs if they would take a one hundred dollar bill or a one dollar bill that he had signed as a way of illustrating his point on preparing for the future.

Some students found this one of the best parts of the speech. "I liked that he involved the audience. Some speakers will get people excited, but most won't actually get some audience members into the presentation," said Dittman.

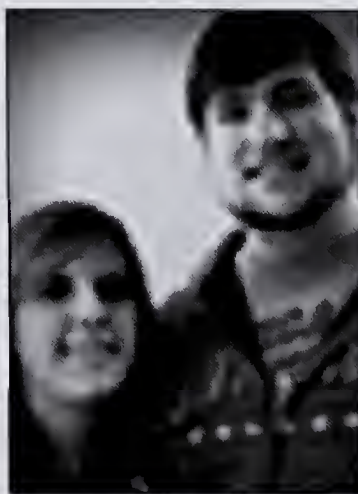
Carter came to give students the message that education is important and to plan for your future. Yet, he also emphasized the importance of service to others. Carter said that he would sum up his entire presentation with these words, "Like Martin Luther King Jr. said, not all of us can become famous, but all of us can become great because greatness is defined by the service that we give to each other."

After Carter's presentation Dittman sang "Lift Every Voice and Sing," a song chosen by the Diversity Coalition, accompanied by senior Music major Michael Booth.

After the program, Carter stayed after to meet with the students, sign autographs, and take pictures. His book Success Uncomplicated was also available for purchase.

Many students lined up to speak with him, including freshman Psychology major Briana Golder. "He was very friendly and down to Earth," said Golder.

Overall, the program seemed to go pretty well, and students felt it was an important event. Daning said, "MLK stood for some important ideals that we need to continue to support."



Dearly Departed

By Brandon Bennett
Staff Writer

The Columbian Players kicked off their performance of David Bottrell and Jessie Jones's "Dearly Departed" on January 27. The actors put on three shows, wrapping up their final performance on Saturday, January 29.

The show begins with the sudden death of Bud, the old man who everyone knew but no one liked. Ray-Bud, played by senior mass communications/theater major Sean Warren, is the oldest son, and must take charge in the confusion that follows his father's death—although he hates funerals and the expenses that go with them.

The situation becomes crazier when Ray's religious Aunt Marguerite, played by senior mass communications major Megan Maes, shows up, followed by Ray's brother Junior, played by freshman music major Harrison Beeson, and his wife and three unruly children.

Everyone in this family has a problem or two in their lives. They all try to hide those problem from their loved ones because they think it is easier than telling the truth. It takes the death of a loved one to bring them all together, even if that said loved one was not liked by many of the family members. As the show went on, though, the characters came to realize the importance of family and friends.

The cast put on a great performance all three nights. The theater was packed on Friday night as friends and family all came to see the show.

When asked about the play, Sean Warren said, "I loved the show. I was a little timid because I was the most experienced one in the show, but it turned out great." "Dearly Departed" may be his last show at the College.

Megan Maes made her acting debut with this play. "I was really nervous at first," she said. "Once I got out there, it came really easy. I had never been in a show before,

so I figured I might as well try out, and it worked."

This was also the first show at the College for Freshman English education major Jessica Ruschke, who played both the scene stealing Delightful, the always hungry youngest daughter of Bud, and Nadine, a talkative woman with a slew of children. "It was a lot of fun. Being Nadine was hilarious. It was a lot of work, and it paid off."

The actors were not the only ones who enjoyed the show. Junior Adam Ruggles, majoring in political science and philosophy, said, "I enjoyed it a lot. It was a nice mix of comedy and drama."

Overall, the show was a huge success. The actors brought their characters to life, and the audience was thoroughly entertained. The Columbian Players next show will be the musical Urinetown.



Megan Maes as the character of Marguerite, at the funeral of her brother.
Photo courtesy of Father Tim McFarland

School Takes Flight

By Dan Zimmer
News Editor

For the first time, a Private Pilot Primary Ground School course will be offered at Saint Joseph's College. This course will allow students to work towards obtaining a private pilot license. "The Private Pilot Primary Ground School" course is a recent venture for us and one which we are very excited to offer," said SJC President Dr. F. Dennis Riegelneegg. "As a pilot, I have found flying to be a rigorous test of knowledge, physical skill, and emotional control."

The course will be held Monday nights and started January 10 and will end April 18 in Conference Room 113 A in SJC's Robinson Memorial Library. The cost is \$520, which covers all books and course materials as well as the registration fee for the FAA Private Pilot Written Exam. SJC students, faculty, and staff will all

be eligible for a discount.

Robert Keller of Excel-Air Services will lead the course, which is designed to provide the necessary aeronautical knowledge that is the first steps in understanding the safe and professional operation of an airplane.

Various subjects pertaining to flight will be discussed. Such topics will include weather, cross-country flying, airspace, radio navigation and communication, fundamentals of flight, basic flight maneuvers, basic aerodynamic principles, basic aircraft systems, Federal Aviation Administration regulations, and aviation meteorology.

The course will provide students with sufficient knowledge for the FAA Private Pilot Written Exam.

The class will most importantly aim to mentally prepare them for the opportunity to obtaining their private pilot license. This course can help prepare the flier for these

challenges that they encountered while in the cockpit of their plane. Flying can be an amazing experience if it is done properly. The only way to prepare to fly is by taking classes and learning about it. Flying will seem like a no brainer after taking this course.

Students who wish to obtain their private pilot license will need to take flight lessons in the future. Saint Joseph's College can not provide actual flight lessons in the air, as this is a primary ground school only.



Upcoming Events

February 3rd-

Women's Basketball vs Quincy
7:30 PM - Men's Basketball vs Quincy

February 5th-

Women's Basketball vs Lewis
3:00 PM - Men's Basketball vs Lewis

9:00 PM - 12:00 AM - Wiffle Ball Tournament

February 8th-

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Health Fair
(Halleck Student Center Ballroom)
11:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Indiana Blood Center Blood Drive
(Halleck Student Center Ballroom)

February 11th-

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM - Game Night
(Halleck Student Center Ballroom)
Set up 6:30

February 14th- Women's Basketball vs Springfield

7:30 PM - Men's Basketball vs Illinois-Springfield



A sign displayed in a text book.

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A Message from London

By Elysse Hillyer
Staff Writer

Well, I'm off for a semester in London, but I leave the Observer in the good hands of the other editors. Before I go, I leave parting thoughts that have absolutely nothing to do with me leaving for London or anything.

Our generation has been called apathetic, and at first glance, it does look that way. Sure, there are those few kids who do something amazing and end up on Oprah, but as a collective group, we haven't done much. We haven't stopped wars, created racial peace in our times, or cured any diseases. But I feel that it's not apathy keeping us down, but a sense of helplessness.

For example, everyone

tells you to vote because it's your patriotic duty. Yeah, it's democratic and all, but it's really not. Chances are your one vote won't make a difference, and even if the person you voted for wins, there's little control you have over the decisions they make.

Politics is just a waste of time for us because nothing we say matters. Politicians only do what will get them reelected, get them more money, or follow party policy. So why should we bother to care about something we have no control over? I'm sure many will argue with me on that point, but that's the way I feel.

Trust in anything is fading quickly. There are so many ways to lie to people these days it is hard to trust anyone. You can't trust the

media, they turn out to be wrong all the time, or focus on something so much you think it must be important when it really isn't. The internet (where we spend most of our time) is the easiest place to lie.

So how can we give to charities when they could so easily be fake? Hobos have been scamming people for years, now it's just on a larger scale. And even if we give money or shoes to the kids in Africa, it might solve a small problem, but it comes nowhere near to fixing why their lives are so terrible in the first place.

I may sound harsh and critical, but it's true. I would love to help the kids in Africa and bring world peace, but I feel like there's nothing I can really do. I think others will agree with me (at least

I hope they do). So maybe some people are apathetic, but I think most of us just feel like there's nothing we can do to fix the problems in the world.

So that leaves the option of either doing nothing, or still trying. I think the best way is to just do small things. Make an impact in your area even if you can't help the world. Donate food to your local shelter and help them serve it. You know you're making someone's life better. As for the big things, well maybe if we all do the little things, big problems will get solved. Our generation will come to power eventually, let's make sure we do it right since we know what is wrong.

An Election Lost in Victory

By James Bertucci
Guest Writer

Caleb and I did not win the Student Association election, and from this result, it does seem like it would be a disappointment. Overall, though, I would not say these feelings dominate my mind (which is strange). I feel as if I have been relieved of a big burden, a scheduling nightmare, scores of meetings, and a few other responsibilities. I feel free, as if I have my life back.

We decided that we would run for president and vice president a while ago, and we started preparing for the election months ago. Caleb and I were actually having fun planning out our campaign!

We were brainstorming posters, different ways we would talk to people about voting for us, why they should support us, and what we would do once elected. And while I know that Caleb and I do not always see eye-to-eye on every

issue, I found out that we work surprisingly well together.

Taking the pictures for our posters was the best part. We tried different poses, different clothes, different backgrounds, and different camera positions for hours. What would we wear? How do we present ourselves? What kind of thoughts will others think when they see these posters? Will it catch their eyes?

A few people saw us as we were staging photos, and the looks of confusion on their faces were hilarious! The main point I wanted to make is that people could read our names. So, on every poster but one, our names were the biggest font out of all the words. I think people got sick of seeing them eventually... I would get annoyed after a while too (if I saw posters like ours all day), but at least I would have memorized the names.

Talk about preparing my schedule! I was eliminating

activities I was part of, planning to avoid certain events, and trying to figure out the best class schedule to fit all the things I would be doing as VP.

My dad was telling me over the phone all about how much work and other B.S. I would have to do. He reminded me that an elected position like VP did not come easy, but I still wanted to try, and he was OK with that in the end.

Caleb is also a hard worker, and he is busy with all kind of things, too. With school work, meetings, and Campus Ministry, both of us have little free time on our hands. Probably because of our alike situations, we understand how each other operates, and we understand how to work together despite our differences.

So, we did not win. That last night of elections, I felt nervous as ever. I was with Caleb and another friend, and we searched Facebook and email for any hint of the results. We had to get our

minds off the election. So, we (Caleb, I, and our friend) started randomly talking about the Catholic Church. I think we were kept occupied with this for about 3 hours that night/morning. We came to many conclusions, but either way, we like our faith.

What was I supposed to feel? I do not really know. I was not happy we lost and happy we lost all at the same time. I avoided all that extra work, but I didn't win. I freed myself from obligations, but all my efforts came to naught. What was I supposed to feel?

Today, I am OK that we did not get elected. I am also hopeful for our new Executive Board. They seem like they will do a good job. May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, bless them and guide them to lead all of us in a better communion with one another, and give them the wisdom on how to lead a diverse student body in ways that are pleasing to our Lord.

State of Education

By Eileen Mills-Groninger
Opinions Editor

As the month of January comes to a surprisingly fast close, I have been incredibly busy being a kindergarten teacher. Although being a kindergarten teacher might not be the most exciting job in the world to some of the readers out there, there are probalby just as many that made an audible gasp as they read "Kindergarten".

I absolutely adore what I do in the classroom. Nothing has ever made me quite so happy, but the politics surrounding education right now are something that need to be brought to attention.

We can all remember some of the educators that have touched our lives. There were some that were truley fantastic, and others that were compleley horrible.

My education growing up was inconsistent like that. I had a handful of truly fabulous teachers that helped me understand new ideas and made me thirst for more, but I have also had those teachers that made me cry and did not motivatie me to do better, even

I want to be the best teacher, and I've been working my hardest trying to come up with creative lessons that keep the students engaged and motivated, but all of the changes going on have me a little scared.

Merit-based pay, private-school vouchers, no collective bargaining, and many other changes that the state is trying to implement have really changed the way education is viewed. All of the accountability seems to be falling on teachers; I can agree with that to a point. Teachers need to be more accountable. After all, we've all had that one teacher that just needs to leave.

But what about all the other factors that affect a child's education? What about the parents that work all the time, and children who don't always eat breakfast? These are things that affect the test scores that our politicians and administrators love to look at, so it is clearly not only the teacher's responsibility to make sure that students are well-prepared for our competitive workforce.

As President Obama said in

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his last State of the Union Adress, education is not only a teacher's job. We can provide a great, solid foundation that can be built upon outside of the classroom, but if

parents, extended families, and the rest of the world are not willing to help build from the bottom up, then we'll all just end up belly-up, won't we?

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My Chemical Romance as The Killjoys

By Michael Garrity
Co-Editor-in-Chief

This spring promises to be a pretty decent season for new music, but unfortunately for myself either none of it has come out yet, or in the case of one album I just haven't had a chance to pick it up yet. However, there was one album from the end of last year that was pretty intensely overshadowed (and rightfully so) by Kanye's new release, so I figured I'd take this opportunity to write up a review of My Chemical Romance's fourth disc, *Danger Days: The True Live of the Fabulous Killjoys*.

Danger Days is a concept album in which the band take on the alter ego of futuristic rockers The Killjoys and their mission to defeat an evil corporation in the year 2019. They (and the listener) are "guided" on their journey by Dr. Death Defying, whose vignettes are interspersed throughout the

album. Musically, this is a vast departure from their previous pop-tinged punk sound that they became famous for over the course of their first three albums, focusing much more on a synth-based dance style. This new sound is best displayed in the tracks "Planetary (GO!)" and "The Only Hope for Me is You," which sound almost nothing like anything the band has done before.

The first actual song, the obnoxiously titled "Na Na Na (Na Na Na Na Na Na Na Na Na)," is a super catchy, fast-paced romp that kicks off the album in spectacular fashion. This upbeat characteristic is prevalent throughout the disc, and certainly it's most positive attribute. *Danger Days* is nothing if not fun to listen to, even if a handful of songs ("Party Poison," "Save Yourself, I'll Hold Them Back") appear to be little more than filler. Not everything is so positive however, especially the track "SING," which is overly

melodramatic and uninspired; it would fit better on VH1's Top 20 Countdown than a My Chemical Romance record. On the other hand, "S/C/A/R/E/C/R/O/W" (what is up with these titles?) is a wonderful balled type song with a great melody; it's what I think they were trying to accomplish with "SING."

This is far from a perfect record, but that isn't necessarily a bad thing. Though this doesn't come close to the level of accomplishment as their first three releases, it's nice that the band have tried something new and there are some good moments here and there that make listening to it worthwhile, or at least it seems that way at the time. Plus, they get some bonus points for the obvious glam rock influence on "Vampire Money" (complete with David Bowie and Marc Bolan references). One suggestion, if you do listen to this album, do it in headphones, because it does improve the experience.



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Tracklisting		Release Date
1.	Look Alive, Sunshine	November 19, 2010
2.	Na Na Na (Na Na Na Na Na Na Na Na Na)	
3.	Bulletproof Heart	
4.	SING	
5.	Planetary (GO!)	Personnel
6.	The Only Hope for Me is You	
7.	Jet-Star and the Kobra Kid/Traffic Report	
8.	Party Poison	
9.	Save Yourself, I'll Hold Them Back	Producers
10.	S/C/A/R/E/C/R/O/W	
11.	Summertime	
12.	DESTROYA	
13.	The Kids from Yesterday	My Chemical Romance
14.	Goodnite, Dr. Death	
15.	Vampire Money	

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S/C/A/R/E/C/R/O/W

Na Na Na (Na Na Na Na Na Na Na Na Na)

Bulletproof Heart

DESTROYA

OVERALL GRADE

C+

TRUE FIGHTER SWAN

By Corey Dowds
Staff Writer

Welcome back to the Joe for what is sure to be an epic second semester. Hopefully everyone got out there and watched some good movies over break! I know that I did. Hopefully *Yogi Bear* or *Season of the Witch* weren't on the top of your "To Watch" list this break. I think that the average Joe (get it?) would enjoy the finer things in life, such as excellent, well made films. Some of these excellent films that you could have watched this past break were *True Grit*, *The Fighter*, and *Black Swan*.

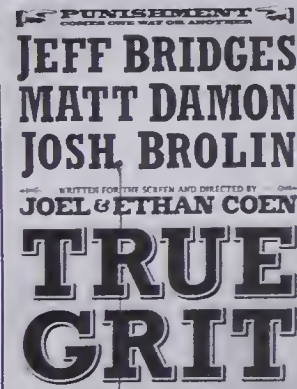


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Do you like revenge stories? Are you interesting in fourteen-year-old girls that act like adults, but still have a little bit of an attitude problem? Are you in love with funny dialogue that isn't realistic for a situation? Then this movie is right up your alley. A few statements such as these cannot do a high caliber movie like *True Grit* justice. The narrator, as well as the main protagonist in this story, Mattie Ross (Hailee Steinfeld) leaves her home and goes on a journey seeking revenge for her father's murder. With no other family left, other than her mother

who is left traumatized by her husband's murder, Mattie leaves home and seeks help from any gun that she can find. She ends up encountering Rooster Cogburn (Jeff Bridges), who is a stubborn, one-eyed, drunken hired gun who eventually ends up aiding in her journey to track down Tom Chaney (Josh Brolin). Aided by a decorated Texas Ranger, LaBoeuf (Matt Damon), these three venture into the western wilderness to seek this outlaw.

Directed by the Coen Brothers, *True Grit* is a revenge story that has a simple moral, that revenge as a motivator comes at a price. It comes at the price of many things, sometimes physical, or sometimes emotional or mental, such as losing a portion of your childhood. There are four types of motivators in this movie: money, revenge, status, and, eventually, the motivation of another person. Ross is motivated by the death of her father, or revenge. LaBueof is motivated through status; he is obsessed with catching a criminal he has been tracking for a long time because he is an all-important Texas Ranger. Cogburn is motivated by money, given that Ross will pay him money if he apprehends Chaney, and with that money he can buy more bullets and alcohol. As the story progresses the characters motivations change and their personality goes through an evolutionary process, and by the end of the movie your idea of each character has done a 180 degree spin. *True Grit* is not a movie for everyone. If your favorite movie is *Transformers 2* or *Band Camp 3* than this movie is not for you. It is a movie for movie buffs and has an interesting plot with amazing characters. **Pros:** Characters, acting, plot. **Cons:** Length, I thought a part or two might have dragged on. **Unexpected Pro:** Man in the bear suit. He was my favorite. **Rating: 9/10** The Coen Brothers

ers add another gold star to their movie resume.



Photo courtesy of: http://www.filmofilia.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/the_fighter_poster.jpg

If one movie on this list appeals to the majority of movie goers, than it is most definitely *The Fighter*. Director David Russell tells the story about the life of a professional boxer, "Irish" Mickey Ward (Mark Wahlberg), which is based on true events. Much of Ward's professional life is dictated by his mother Alice Ward (Melissa Leo) and his brother Dick "Dicky" Ecklund (Christian Bale). Dick tries reliving his own almost famous career through his little brother, and his mother Alice is his "manager," but doesn't really have his best interests in mind, just her own personal profit. Mickey is struggling through fights all the while having to constantly train when he encounters Charlene Flemming (Amy Adams) who changes his life forever. They eventually fall in love and Flemming begins to steer his fighting career in the right direction. While Mickey starts to get his life together, his brother's begin to fall apart. Between living in the past and living in a crack house, Dickey has a fair share of problem, and as the story develops his life gets worse

before it gets better.

The Fighter, is a story that is almost too good to be true. Not in the conventional sense, but sometimes nonfiction is more entertaining than fiction, and sometimes you just can't write a script this good. The characters not so much evolve but rather adjust to each other in order to achieve Mickey's goal, but not before a roller-coaster ride of events. Believe it or not, Mark Walberg may have the weakest acting performance of the entire cast of main characters. His acting performance is fairly strong, it is just the entire cast is outstanding, especially Melissa Leo and Christian Bale. I don't want to give too much away, just because I am pretty sure anyone can appreciate this movie.

Pros: Acting, plot, entertainment value, Christian Bale, everything. This movie is my hero. **Cons:** I don't have any problems with this movie! **Unexpected pro:** The phrase "MTV Girl," what does that even mean? **Rating: 10/10** Wait! I know what you are think-



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ing. You are going to dismiss this

part of the review because this movie is about ballet. Well, it's not! Well it is kind of, but mostly it is about the pressures of ballet. Nina Sayers (Natalie Portman) is competing for the main role in the classic ballet, *Swan Lake*. Lily (Mila Kunis) is her rival dancer as well as the only dancer that reaches out to Sayers. Thomas Leroy (Vincent Cassel) is the determined and perhaps somewhat manipulative director of *Swan Lake*.

Darren Aronofsky directs this movie, and creates an atmosphere that is always on edge. Sections of the movie are without music, just of the squeaking and cracking of feet on the dance floor. The fragile bodies of the dancers creates a tension that makes you almost uneasy, Natalie Portman and Mila Kunis play well off of each other as polar opposites in the film. Sayers is the innocent dancer, or the "White Swan" while her doppelganger Lily is the more mischievous type, gravitating towards the "Black Swan" label. Sayers need to be the lead role, the best dancer, and competition from Lily not only drive her to her physical and emotional limits, but tests her mental limits as well. Sayers tries to keep her lead role, figure out who Lily really is, and perfect her part as the Black Swan all while trying to keep her sanity. The atmosphere is filled with tension but the movie is surprisingly scary as well. I guarantee you'll jump out of your seat at least once. **Pros:** Acting, atmosphere, cast. **Cons:** A movie about ballet might turn the overly masculine audience off- but I assure I'm as masculine as they come and this movie was simply fabulous! **Unexpected Pros:** I didn't know this movie was going to be the freakiest film I had ever seen. **Rating: 10/10.** If you consider yourself a movie fan, then go see this movie. You won't be disap-

Glee at Heart

By Natalie Katona,
Staff Writer

One of my favorite things to do to unwind is to curl up and watch my favorite television show. Every Tuesday night I get to escape the stress of school and life in general and catch up with my favorite characters on *Glee*, a show about a high school show choir that tries to find their place in their school's social circles. The kids belong to a group called "New Directions" and are headed by their coach Will Schuster. Each week, Will picks a theme or assignment from which the group can select songs. The students then have the songs connect in some way to what is going on in their lives. The club is not among the popular crowd at McKinley High. The group is made up of a cast of misfits and each character has a reason as to why they just do not fit in at their high school. The show is filled with laughs and

even some tender moments. Each week I find myself happier and happier after watching *Glee* and it has certainly become one of my favorite television shows of all time.

One of the best parts of *Glee* is the music that is being performed during the show. It is refreshing to actually have young people who are famous for actually being talented. Lea Michelle who plays diva character Rachel Berry is one of my favorite parts of the show. Her background includes roles in Broadway's "Spring Awakening" and she has a truly amazing voice. Her character is also so over the top that you really either laugh along with Rachel or love to hate her. She is a girl who is so wrapped up in her own future that other teenagers find it hard to relate to her; she is determined to be a star and needs everyone to know it. Rachel Berry drives Will Schuster crazy weekly with her over the top demands and "helpful suggestions." The reason I adore Rachel is because she is so honest

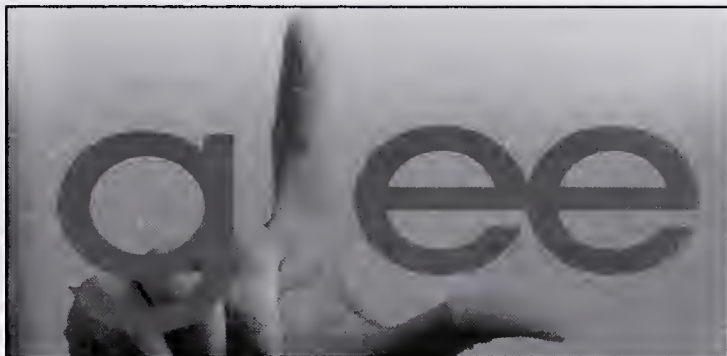
about the fact that she believes that she has more star qualities than anyone else in the glee club. Because of her arrogance, I find her lines hysterical. Another loveable character is Finn, a football player who finds it hard balancing his football popularity with the ridicule that comes with being in the glee club. His character also has drama with girlfriends and right now he is looking for a girl he can trust. He supplies the role of Rachel's love interest and while the couple seems to be a good match, they come with their fair share of relationship woes. Finn is not the most talented member of the glee club but what he lacks in dancing skills he makes up for with sweetness. The club's main enemy, Sue Sylvester, is played by one of my favorite actresses, Jane Lynch. Sue has some of the best one liners in television history. She is the "Cheerio" coach and is appalled that the glee club has taken money from her cheerleading squad. While ridiculing Schuster's hair throughout the day she also actively tries to bring the Glee club to an end.

Glee also hits on some hard issues that everyday high school students can relate to. One of the cheerleader characters went through an unplanned pregnancy during the first season and ended up giving her baby up for adoption. Mercedes and Tina are girls who go through body image issues and help to teach girls how to accept themselves and thrive



The cast of *Glee* in a promotional picture.

(Photo courtesy of: <http://www.seasoneight.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/07/>)



The logo for the hit Fox television show, *Glee*.

(Photo courtesy of: <http://www.lostremote.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/01/glee.jpg>)

on individuality. A male student, Kurt, goes through issues dealing with the fact that he is gay and being the only openly out student at the high school. The students also face peer pressure on a daily basis. It is really a show that celebrates the underdogs of high school. I love *Glee* because it is a show that is based on originality.

While poking fun at stereotypes found in high school, it also points out how it is the students who are not afraid to be themselves who are the ones most ridiculed. However, the *Glee* kids have found their place in the world in their own ways and are a group of kids that are really enjoyable to watch.

Ways to Waste Time

Procrastination 101

By Andre Dudich
Staff Writer

I thought about writing a witty introduction to this article, but I guess I'll do it later. The following resources are to increase proficiency in procrastination skills and are not to be used excessively. Side effects of procrastination may include low grades, increased social life, and angry newspaper editors. Use these techniques sparingly to infuse extra random distractions in your day.

1.) Hello, My Name Is... (hellontheshow.com)

This CollegeHumor series features a makeup artist who transforms the face of actor Josh Ruben. After the makeup is complete, Ruben is briefly allowed to look in a mirror and develop a character based on his look. Next, his partner, Pat Cassels, improvises an interview with Ruben's character. Hilarity ensues.

2.) Mr. B, the Gentleman Rhymer (www.gentlemanrhymer.com)

Mr. B is the creation of

Jim Burke, an Englishman with a knack for musical comedy. Mr. B, the Gentleman Rhymer, has developed a cult following on the Internet due to his unique blend of banjo-lele, British stereotypes, and hip hop, into a musical styling which he has dubbed "chap-hop." His subject matter ranges from hip hop history to cricket and never fails to make even the most American individual have a hankering for tea.

3.) College Binary (www.youtube.com/user/CollegeBinary)

S. Peter Davis, is the mastermind behind College Binary, a collection of videos providing comical insight into the world of philosophy. His longest running series, "Three Minute Philosophy," humorously explores various philosophers throughout history and the impact they have made on science and ethics. Davis takes you through each

philosopher's major achievements in a fast-talking style which leaves you in a constant state of laughter.

4.) BlameSociety Films (www.blamesociety.net)

Aaron Yonda and Matt Sloan are best known for their viral Internet series, Chad Vader, the younger, less successful brother of Darth Vader. The first season of Chad Vader opens with Chad as the day shift manager of a small supermarket. The show follows his attempts at a love life and rivalry in the fierce world of business. Chad often appears in other BlameSociety shorts as a recurring character. If you've already seen Chad Vader or are looking for something different, check out BlameSociety for other comical videos such as *95 Things Kids Are Afraid Of*, *The Fun Rangers*, or *Super Shooter*.

5.) Everything Else on the Internet

The Internet is a limitless pit of procrastination material. But, to give you some direction, I highly recommend short independent movies. You can watch as many or as few as you don't have time for. Also,

you can distract your friends with them since they've probably never seen them either. Be the trendsetter! Great picks to get you started:

- "Signs" (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uy0HNWto0UY>)

- "Spin" (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oP59tQf_njc)

- "Plastic Bag" (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YuJ3Ibu0ImM>)

- "College Saga" (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wwLrgxtALWs>)



BlameSociety Films' Chad Vader, the younger brother of the infamous Darth Vader, busy doing his job as a day shift manager at a small supermarket.
(Photo courtesy of: <http://loyalkng.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/chad-vader-s3-2-rockets-and-chaos-from-blame-society-films.jpg>)



Mr. B, The Gentleman Rhymer
(Photo courtesy of: <http://soundsofeducation.files.wordpress.com/2010/11/mrb2.jpg>)

Track Still Throwing and Running Strong After Break

By J.J. Miller
Staff Writer

On Friday January 21, the Puma Track &Field Teams traveled to Lewis University for their second meet of the year, and continued to show why everyone on the team is excited about this season. Two Pumas, All-Americans Kaleb Thompson and Melissa Buche, already have plenty to be excited about.

They hit NCAA provisional marks in the shot put and high jump, respectively, giving them a shot to go to nationals. The men's team had numerous successes throughout the meet. Thompson finished second in the shot put with a mark of over 52 feet, followed by fellow Pumas Alan Austin and Josh Sims, who took third and fourth. Sims was the winner of the weight throw with a toss of nearly 45 feet.

Joe Took's build on his success from last week at Grand Valley, taking first in the triple jump and second in the long jump. Ben Gomes and Chris Ullis also did well in the long jump, placing third and fourth. Rounding out the field events, Sean Warren had an impressive day vaulting, finishing second and clearing over 13 feet.

On the track, Jeremiah Wright

placed second in the 55 meter hurdles, coming across the line in just over eight seconds.

Andre Wadley placed third in the 55 meter dash, making the finals of the event along with Mack Ogletree and Michael Taylor. Luke McRoberts and Ben Vasquez finished first and second in the 400 meter dash. Richard Kaht, Naza Sanchez, and Jake Carden took second, third, and fourth, in the 5000 meter run, all coming in around the 16 minute mark.

On the women's side, two-time All-American Melissa Buche started off the meet with a win in the high jump, clearing 5 feet 5 inches. Nicole Thiel took first in the pole vault.

Megan Davis and Taylor Nielsen took first and second in the weight throw, with Megan Rust finishing fourth. Erica Blythe edged out the competition in the 55 meter dash, claiming first in the finals, while Jenny Merkel placed fifth. Courtney McKibben claimed second place in the 55 meter hurdles.

Tennia Ledbetter claimed third in the 200 meter dash, followed by Erica Blythe and Jenny Merkel, who took fourth and fifth in the event.

The season has already started out on a very positive note

for the Pumas. Both Buche and Took's have jumped well so far this season. Thompson has been the highlight of a very strong group of throwers from both the men and women's teams.

Wadley has had good success in the sprint events so far this season, as have McKibben and Wright in the hurdles. Most of the distance runners are also coming off a strong Cross Country season, which means this could be a very exciting year for Puma Track and Field.

February 4-5 the Pumas will travel to Findlay, Ohio for the DII Challenge/Findlay Open.



Kaleb Thompson is throwing his 16 lbs (Photo by SJC Athletic Page)



Alicia Allen runs hard as she is about to do the long jump (Photo by SJC Athletic Page)

MEN'S BASKETBALL STILL LOOKING UP

By Corey Dowds
Staff Writer

The Pumas so far this season are 9-10. Needless to say they've had their ups and downs this season. They do have an above .500 record at home, sporting a 5-4 record. That leaves them with a 3-6 record on the road. Just goes to show that the Pumas value us as their twelfth man, and can always use more support! They are also undefeated when the game is played at a neutral site (1-0)!

The Pumas are averaging 66.0 points per game, while allowing an average of 65.0 points per game. Top scorer for the Pumas this season is Dayvon Sloan, averaging 12.6 points per game, along with 24.5 minutes per game, .388 field goal percentage from the field, .278% from three point land, and 71% from the free throw line. Other top scorers this season include Marcus Jackson and Phillip Collins, who are averaging 12.4 and 10.8 points per game, respectively.

Rebound leader for the Pumas this year is Marcus Jackson, who has snatched an impressive 116 rebounds. Other rebounders for the Pumas are Jordan Stevens and Phillip Collins, who have 75 and 81 rebounds respectively. Leading the Pumas in playing time this year is Michael Horton and Phillip Collins, with 33.6 minutes and 29.3 minutes respectively. Horton is the only player this season to start and play

in all 19 games.

As you can see, the Pumas have their work cut out for them, but that doesn't mean their fan base is doubting them! On behalf of the student body, or at least the basketball fans, I would like to wish the Pumas good luck, in its next and future games. I am sure we can all look forward to their success and similar post-season run similar to last year, it not better!

Thursday, Feb 3-
Home vs. Quincy

Saturday, Feb 5
-Home vs.
Lewis

Thursday, Feb 10-
Away at Lewis

Saturday, Feb 12-
Away at Quincy



Pumas Take Down Greyhounds

By Ken Badylak
Sports Information Director

Four players reached double figures on Saturday evening in the Saint Joseph's College women's basketball team's 84-72 victory over the University of Indianapolis. Tatiana Ortiz (R.Jr., Chicago, Ill./St. Louis) scored 13 second half points while Jen Szala (Jr., Chicago, Ill./Marian Catholic) added 10 in the second frame to lift SJC to its first victory in Nicoson Hall since 1999.

Szala helped the Pumas (8-12, 5-7 GLVC) establish a quick 14-7 lead through the first six minutes of play. The Greyhounds (11-9, 6-6 GLVC) scored eight of the game's next nine points in cutting their deficit to 16-15. Both teams shot 50 % in the first half, however SJC converted on five of their nine attempts from beyond the arc to go into intermission with a 40-31 lead.

UIndy started the second half with renewed energy as Heather Gonser scored the opening basket and remain active on the floor. Katy McIntosh's lay-up after Gonser's steal pulled the Greyhounds to 45-41 less than three minutes into the second frame. SJC's lead narrowed to 57-56 midway through the second half after Megan Birchmeyer scored another lay-up.

Ortiz then sparked a 14-2 rally with a jumper followed by a steal that resulted in an Alexa Bess (Fr., Rushville, Ind./Rushville Consolidate) basket. Lauren Cash (Fr., Pekin, Ill./Pekin Community) ended the run

with a three-point bucket from the corner that established the Pumas biggest lead of the night, 71-58.

The Greyhounds chipped away at the SJC advantage, pulling as close as 73-68 with less than three minutes to play. However, the Pumas marched five different players to the charity stripe to combine to convert nine of 10 to end the game.

Tatiana Ortiz finished with a game-high 18 points and five assists. Britney Cruse (Jr., Merrillville, Ind./Merrillville) added 17 points and four assists. Jen Szala went five of seven from the field to record 14 points while Jasmyne Reynolds scored 10.

The Pumas will host Quincy University on Thursday evening. Tip-off at Richard F. Scharf Alumni Fieldhouse is scheduled for 5:30 pm CST.



Tatiana Ortiz stairs down defenders (Photo by SJC Athletic Page)

Lady Pumas Season Updates

By **Amber Melvin**
Sports Editor

In 2010, the Lady Pumas had quite a bit of exciting basketball games coming up during the winter break. They had the opportunity to play against Central Washington and Western Washington in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Lady Pumas traveled all the way to Las Vegas for a game on December 16, against Western Washington, but unfortunately they lost that game with a score of 82-57. The next day, the Lady Pumas faced Central Washington and sadly lost that game too with a score of 82-73.

Out of the next eleven games, the Lady Pumas Basketball team won five games and lost six. The two most recent games were against Northern Kentucky on January 27 they lost that game with a score of 62-57. The previous game the girl's basketball team played against Indianapolis and they won that game with a score of 84-72.

For the game against Northern Kentucky, Freshman Alexa Bess had the most rebounds in that game, with a total of six, contributing to the team's twenty-seven total

rebounds. Junior Natalie Appelhaus was right behind her with the second most rebounds in the game, with a total of six rebounds. Junior Britney Cruse played the most minutes during this game with a grand total of thirty-eight minutes. Junior Tatiana Ortiz was not far behind Britney with a total of thirty-six minutes played during this game.

For the basketball game against Indianapolis, Junior Katie Novak had the most rebounds in this game, with a total of four, giving the team a total of seven rebounds for the entire game. Junior Tatiana Ortiz

played the most minutes in the game, with a total of thirty-four minutes. Junior Katie Novak and Junior Britney Cruse followed behind her with a total of thirty-three minutes.

The Lady Pumas will play their next game against Quincy on February 3 at home.

All in all, the Lady Pumas Basketball team is doing a fairly good job this season. With only six games left in the season, we wish them nothing but luck.



Lady Pumas playing at a home game (Photo courtesy of: Father Tim McFarland C.P.P.S.)

Super Bowl bound Steelers and Packers

By **Jeremy Butterfield**
Sports Editor

For the two local NFL teams this playoff season has not gone as planned. The Colts went to the Super Bowl last year but play the wild card dance at the end of this season. The Colts made the wild card game a great game with out a winner until the very last second of the game with a field goal by the Jets.

Many experts and fans will question the call to kick a field goal with under a minute left instead of going for the first down by the Colts. Maybe they could have gotten a touchdown could have come from their clutch quarterback Payton Manning.

Our other local team up north the Bear made the playoffs with a very surprising 11-5 record which was crazy at the beginning of the year. They also got a first round bye then they faced the Seattle Seahawks with a confident win. The Bears defense looked bad at the end of the game.

Also to consider the offense looked great the bad news was the offense could not keep up the high powered attack against their rival the Green Bay Packers. The Packers came in as the lowest seed for the NFC playoffs. They

played two games away before getting to the Bears.

They are a team that came back from looking like they were not going to make the playoffs the last 4 weeks of the season to playing in the Super Bowl. This team had everything clicking at the right moment, the defense final got an attitude that should be the type of hard hitting defense they have.

Also the offense is getting star performances from second and third string people plus a hard hitting running back that will hit the defense in the mouth before going around them. With their balanced offense the Packers opposition in the Super Bowl will have some trouble dealing with all of the different angles they could attack from.

The bad news for the Packers is that their opponent has the number two defense in the NFL in running the ball and overall yards. with the mighty Steel Curtain returning to the Pittsburgh Steelers they have one of the scariest defenses in the whole league according to a few ESPN analysts. The real scary part of the Steelers is that they have an offense that can score now. Earlier in the season the defense was car-

rying them.

Now with the defense stopping the run and getting to the quarterback, the Packers have to plan accordingly. This game might come down to the men up front on the defense line vs. the offense line. Whatever side starts showing weakness first might have a long day. The Steelers already have problems with that with their rookie center who started every game his first year in the league. He is not going to play.

Also the Steelers have experience on their side. This will be their 3rd appearance to the Super Bowl in 6 years. They won the first two and people are talking about calling this a dynasty.

None of the stats or past will matter on February 6th 2011 at 5:30 CT. It will be two hard hitting, dirty teams coming together to play for the one trophy that matters to all of the players and coaches alike; the Vince Lombardi trophy.

Puma Athlete Profile:

By: **Amber Melvin**
Sports Editor

Frederick Miller



Frederick J. Miller is a freshman here at SJC. He is on the track team as a runner, sprinter and hurdler. He recently began writing for the Newspaper and his major is Psychology.

Hometown: Kouts, IN

Nickname: J.J.

How long have you been running track?: I've been running for seven years now.

How did you get involved with running track?: I decided to try it and I just stuck with it.

What is your favorite food?: Pretzel Bites from the HUB or anything from B-Dubs (Buffalo Wild Wings).

What band do you have to listen to on your iPod?: Chiodos

What movie can you watch over and over again and why?: Dazed and Confused, because it has good music in it and it's funny.

What was the first job you ever had?: I was a scorekeeper for a volleyball game in the 7th grade.

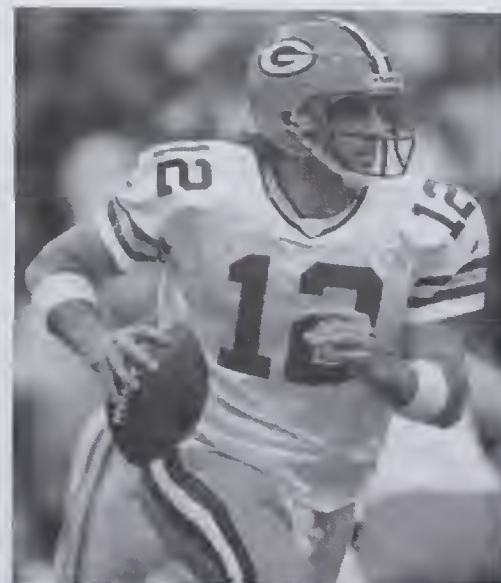
Did you like it? Yeah, because I got paid.

What is your favorite video game?: The Fire Emblem series.

What is one thing that people don't know about you?: That I used to play the tuba in middle school.



Ben Roethlisberger drops back for a pass (Photo thanks to Steelers.com)



Aaron Rodgers Running to find an open man (Photo thanks to Packers.com)

Karma and the Cosmos

By Crystal Gaze



Taurus (May 13- June 21)
Do not get discouraged. Yes, it seems as though every few feet you travel you encounter a new obstacle, thief, or other impediment. However, these are here for a reason and every one you overcome is another step towards success.

Aries (April 18- May 13)
Well look at you these days, going around as though you have everything under control, when really things are going crazy and it's taking every ounce of your energy to remain calm. Stop pretending to be okay; maybe releasing some stress would help things calm down and you will regain some real control.

Pisces (March 11- April 18)
You need money and you need it now. It's no time for J.G. Wentworth. No, what you need is a job, or a new job at the very least. What you have been doing has not been enough for you and it is time you faced that fact and unleashed your potential.

Aquarius (Feb. 16 – March 11)
Do not make any big decisions just yet, you do not have adequate

information to make such a bold move. Sit back and wait for a few more things to unfold, then proceed into action. This will be the wisest decision in a sea of uncertainty.

Virgo (Sept. 16- Oct. 30)
There is nothing you cannot achieve at the moment, so take these next few weeks to tackle some major life challenges. You new surge in confidence will aid you in your endeavors, as it should. And when your luck starts to run out just slow down and wait to catch the next wave.

Libra (Oct. 30- Nov. 23)
You are almost over the giant hill you have been climbing for over a month, and whatever is on the other side will be worth the journey. Though these have been strenuous times, you have discovered new elements within yourself that will allow you to truly appreciate everything you will gain in the end.

Leo (Aug. 10- Sept. 16)
Sit still and don't touch anything. For some reason you have a King Midas's touch right now, and like that myth your gift at first appeared

to be a blessing and now you see you are cursed with this gift. This bad luck will wear off and then you can go back to interacting with everything in your life.

Scorpio (Nov. 23- Nov. 29)
Nobody knows what to expect from you right now. Though you are normally a really reliable person who plans ahead, you have recently been acting on impulse and throwing everyone off your usual scent. While this can be advantageous for a short while, you must eventually return to your usual, planning self.

Capricorn (Jan. 20 – Feb. 16)
How have you gotten so incredibly wise? This winter has simply filled you to the brim with knowledge and experience, and others are extremely excited to have such a wise friend to consult for advice and, might I dare say it, predictions!

Sagittarius (Dec. 17- Jan. 20)
Who would have thought that you would be on cloud nine so early in the year? So much has been turning out in your favor and you have reaped many rewards! Enjoy this wonderful time in your life and only hope to retain that which you have

recently gained.
Gemini (June 21- July 20)
Nobody seems to understand your problems, and there is no particular reason why. You have done everything possible to share your situations with others, but they still do not understand. Perhaps they have trouble grasping the depth of you, so give them credit for trying.

Cancer (July 20- Aug. 10)
Try to not let irony stand in your way. Life keeps making jokes of everything in your life and you are not laughing as often as you should. Things could be much worse, so there is no need to make mountains out of molehills. Read something funny or watch a good movie to cheer yourself!

Ophiucus (Nov. 29- Dec. 17)
Though you feel new and disconcerted, you have been with us for years, just lying under the guise of a different name. The good news is that this is your big break, so make the most of your entrance and use the stars sure favor to your advantage. Take some bets and gamble a little!

Fountain Stone Theaters

Movies for February 2
(219) 866-2222
fountainstonetheaters.com

Country Strong (PG-13)
Mon.-Thurs: 4:05, 6:15

No Strings Attached (R)
Mon-Thurs: 4:20, 6:30

The Dilemma (PG-13)
Mon-Thurs: 4:10, 6:20

The Green Hornet (PG-13)
Mon.-Thurs: 4:00, 6:10

The Rite (PG-13)
Mon-Thurs: 3:15, 5:10, 7:15

Coming Soon!
The Roommate
Gnomeo & Juliet
Just Go With It

Overheard

If you've heard anything scandalous at the cafeteria, anything outrageous enough that you can't keep it to yourself, then look no further! Submit your anonymous comments to emp6839@saintjoe.edu today to let your peers' voices be heard!

Person 1: Does this look funny to you.
Person 2: Yeah, I wouldn't touch it.
Person 1: Ewww...it tastes gross.
Person 2: I told you so.

“Is it bad that the highlight of my day was watching Fr. Stang ski down a hill?”

Person 1: I will not be taking orders from a woman!
Person 2: Oh yes you will. Deal with it!

“I normally have a lot more.”

“Placenta? Is that a punctuation mark?”

Person 1: She's got 6 boyfriends. I can barely handle 1!
Person 2: How old is she?
Person 1: Five.

Say What?

What are these crazy characters saying? Create crazy comments for the people in the photographs with your own input, banter, or silly phrases and send your responses to emp6839@saintjoe.edu to see your responses printed in the next issue! Please keep the responses PG-13 and get ready for another photograph in the upcoming issue. Also, be sure to include your name and year in your response.

This week's photograph:



Responses from last week:

Guy: “Hello...*ladies*.”
Guy: “Mind if I sniff your flower?”
Guy: “Buy Kleenex Plus Lotion. It really works.”
Guy: “Why yes, I am always this attractive.”
Guy: “Did I mention my rather large 401k?”
Guy: “Why yes, it is always this big.”

The Ritz Cinema

Movies for December 8
(219) 866-0086

Morning Glory
(Jan 28-Feb 3)
Starting at 7:00

Coming Soon!

Life as We Know It
Feb 4-10

Dating Dan: Advice from a Man about Town

Staff Writer Daniel Zimmer

How come I am not noticed? People have said that I am “too nice.” What does that mean exactly?
Have you ever noticed that the really attractive people never seem to be attracted to others we deem “nice”? Of course you have.
Just like me, I’m sure you’ve had attractive friends that always seemed to date “jerks,”but for some reason they were never romantically interested in YOU. You feverishly ask, “What’s going on here?”
Well, here’s some fact. Most people, heck all people, don’t base their choices of their match on how “nice” they are. They choose who they choose because they feel a powerful gut level attraction for them.
And guess what?
Being just nice doesn’t make anyone feel that powerful attraction. I can not stress the “just” enough there. There are many factors besides being nice that make people attracted to one another. Confidence, appearance, even someone’s scent factors into it.
Being nice doesn’t make anyone choose you. It may be hard to accept, but you will get over it. You’re an individual that offers something unique that no one else can. Maybe you just haven’t found that person yet. I suggest you let them find you. Do not stress too much over it.